Pending electricity bills in TAFCO

2080. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will 'the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of i>ending accumula. ted electricity bills with the TAFCO Li mited;

(b) the reasons of accumulation of siuch "electricoty bills;

(c) wheihtr it is a fact that the bills on accouri of electricity charges were raised by Kanpur Electricity Supply Adtninistrationi cionsiequent uipon High Court orders;

(d) whether production havie been adversely affected; and

(e) if so. the facts and details there-

T.HE JMINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MAR AN) (a) Electricity bills amounting to Rs. 33.95 lakhs received for the peroid upto November, 1993 are pending with the com pany. Though the power supply to the two factories remains discounected with effect from November, 1993, minimum char.nes at (he rRte of Rs. 2.76 lakhs per month are payable for the subsequent months. However, no bills for this period have been received by the Company.

(b) Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Ltd. (TAFCO) had been in curring continuous losses anj was not generating adequate internal resources to meet its liabilities including payment of electricity charges.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The actual production during the last 4 years has gone down drastically due to various reagonsi inqluding disdonrnedtiQn of power supply to the factories.

Appointment of Chief Executives/Managing IWrtctors in PSUs

2081. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had appointed during the year 1997 some Chief ExecutipeS/Managingn) Directors of some PSUs under his Ministry's admmisirative jurisdiction without properly verifying the past records oi the incjijotiile,

(b) wr.eiher such incumbents were allowed to take over on a festival day anj a closed holiday for minority com munity;

(c) whether Government had taken such incurement at the intance of some private Sector; and

(d) if so, the facts and detaiils thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN). (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Impaclf of imports on Indian Industry

2082. DR. MOHAN BAHU:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recem announcement of Government giving fiacilities for the import of 542 article" in the country has adverse"/ affected Indian industries;

(b) if so, (he details thereof;

(c) the number of articles included in the above list which are of daily use common consumer and wihoh are reserved for small scale sector; and

(d) whether Government have provi ded incentives to the industrial units which are producing above articles so that they can successfully compete wtih the imported articles?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (d) The Export-Import Policy for 1997- 2002 has put large number of items under the Open Genera] Licence (OGL) and Special Import Licence (SIL) as